

Portland Harbor Superfund Site Collaborative Group
DRAFT Cathedral Park Project Area Working Group
Wednesday, August 18, 2021 | Time: 5:45 – 7:30 p.m.
(v. 8-18-2021)

Action Items		
<i>What</i>	<i>Who</i>	<i>When</i>
General		
1. Upload Josie's presentation on the PH Collaborative YouTube channel	Triangle	Complete
2. Connect Laura Feldman with OHA to find out if agency can respond to the swimming safety question related to the algae blooms.	Laura K to OHA	
3. Work on flier for Cathedral Park Sampling for community distribution.	Laura K, Mamelang Memela, any other interested Working Group members	
4. Schedule an October Working Group meeting.	Laura K	
Pacific Ironworks Topic		
5. Send resources as to the location of the PCBs in Cathedral Park.	Doug to Franziska	
6. For additional follow-up on this topic or scheduling another time to discuss this topic, contact Franziska at: Franziska.LANDES@deq.state.or.us or (503) 887-7059.	Working Group Members to Franziska	
7. Find out who the project manager is for this area and share, as well as any other learned updates on this topic.	Franziska to Working Group Members	At Oct. mtg.
Air Monitors/PCB Volatilization		
8. Potentially hold a Collaborative Group or ad hoc meeting focused on PCB volatilization.	Collaborative Group	In Dec 2021 or 2022 mtg.
9. Provide air monitor information at Cathedral Park to find out whether it detects for PCBs.	Laura F to Franziska	By Oct. mtg.
Linnton Restoration Project		
10. Put community member in touch with the State and Lauren Senkyr (with Trustee Council) to answer questions about the mound and other items on this project.	Laura K. coordinates with Jim McKenna, Lauren Senkyr (NOAA Restoration Center) to follow up with Laura F.	
11. Send construction completion documents and DEQ project manager contact information.	Franziska to Laura F.	

August 18 Cathedral Park Project Area Working Group Meeting

The following Community Leaders attended this meeting remotely:

- *Alexander Lopez, Portland Harbor Community Coalition (PHCC)*
- *Bob Sallinger, Portland Audubon*
- *Barbara Quinn, Friends of Baltimore Woods*
- *Doug Larson, Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group (CAG)*
- *Laura Feldman, Occupy St. Johns*
- *Mamelang Memela, PHCC*
- *Matt Stein, Green Anchors LLC*

The following EPA staff attended this meeting remotely:

- *Laura Knudsen, EPA*
- *Josie Clark, EPA*

The following DEQ staff attended this meeting remotely:

- *Franziska Landes, DEQ*

The following public agency staff attended this meeting remotely:

- *Dawn Sanders, City of Portland*
- *Kyle DeHart, Portland Parks and Recreation*

Welcome and Introductions

The Facilitator welcomed participants and shared the purpose and goals behind the Cathedral Park Project Area Working Group. The Facilitator briefly introduced existing members and new members shared their interest for joining the group.

The Facilitator then provided an overview of the following:

- Map of the Cathedral Park Project Area
- Today's Agenda
- Recap of past meetings
 - To view all previous meeting materials use this [EPA Cathedral Park Project Area document link](#)
 - Full link:
<https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=se cond.scs&id=1002155&doc=Y&colid=40025®ion=10&type=SC>
 - To view video recordings of main meeting presentations please see the [Portland Harbor Collaborative YouTube Channel](#)
 - Full link:
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL4zIAyC8mXhN5NTol1j7QIwy QAPaeb6Cv>
- OneDrive access for materials

Follow-up Updates

Pacific Ironworks

A few community members had questions about a Pacific Ironworks outlet that potentially went into the river and whether PCBs exist in the Cathedral Park area where folks walk through and recreate. Franziska Landes, DEQ, responded that the site was evaluated as to whether there was a complete path to the river and the source control decision was that there was no complete pathway. The area in which potential PCBs exist is along the railroad tracks. The evaluation resulted in DEQ not having any immediate concerns with the area. DEQ is working with interested/working parties to move the cleanup of these PCBs forward.

Community members shared their responses/questions as follows:

- The area is highly trafficked by people, dogs, and children while making their way from the parking lot to the park.
- People have been exposed to the PCBs for 20 years and signage and/or a fence should be a priority for the area.
- This should be a priority area as many people visit daily and have been doing so for years, walking right through the railroad tracks area.
- What is the human health risk for exposure in this area?
- The risk level numbers from what has been seen by the community seem much higher than the thresholds being utilized at Willamette Cove.

Action Items:

- Doug will send Franziska the sources he referenced as to where the PCBs are located within the park.
- If community members are interested in email follow-up or scheduling another time to further discuss this topic, contact Franziska at: Franziska.LANDES@deq.state.or.us or (503) 887-7059.
- Franziska will find out who the project manager is for this area and share that at the next meeting as well as any other learned updates on this topic.

Cathedral Park Infographic

Laura Knudsen, EPA, stated that Diana with OSU is ready to share a draft Cathedral Park infographic with a small group of community members soon. She has reached out to PHCC recently and Laura will share more information as it becomes available.

Air Monitors/PCB Volatilization

Laura Feldman, Occupy St. Johns, asked DEQ whether the air monitors in the Cathedral Park area can detect PCBs and she was told that they cannot. Laura is currently researching air samplers that can provide this data. Laura stated Neighbors for Clean Air, funded through a grant from Metro and in collaboration with Reed College, is looking for businesses along the river where people are willing to put up air monitors. DEQ may have an air monitor at Cathedral Park that provides this; however, Laura was unable to decipher the data on their website.

Action Items:

- Potentially hold a Collaborative Group or ad hoc meeting focused on PCB volatilization.
- Laura F. will email Franziska with the air monitor information at Cathedral Park so that she may look into whether or not it detects for PCBs.

Presentation: Sampling Updates. [See full presentation here.](#)

Josie Clark, EPA, provided an update to members on sampling efforts at Cathedral Park. She stated that the final Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) will be finalized this week and available to everyone, likely in the coming weeks. Updates to the timeline for the project are as follows:

- Starting on August 23, in-water sediment coring will occur.
- Sampling will occur on September 15 and 16 (tentatively) as follows:
 - September 15:
 - DU1 (yellow) timing: 1:00pm – 3:00pm-ish
 - DU2 (turquoise) timing: 4:30pm – 6:30pm-ish
 - September 16:
 - DU4 (purple) timing: 9am – 11am-ish
 - DU3 (blue) timing: 1pm – 2pm-ish
- Riverbank sampling contracting process is underway, coring for this is expected in October 2021.
- There may be delays on getting lab results due to supply chain issues and there being so many other Portland Harbor samples right now; however, EPA is hopeful that it does not get delayed by too much.

Questions:

- Given drought conditions, will there be more exposed beach than originally anticipated?
 - EPA: Yes, but this will not have a significant effect on the plan.
- Will the algae blooms effect the sampling?
 - EPA: We are sampling for the chemical components in the sediment, the blooms will not effect the sampling.
- Is it safe to get in the water if there are algae blooms in this area?
 - EPA: OHA should be able to get an answer to that.
- Where is the City at in terms of coming to an agreement with EPA at Cathedral Park?
 - EPA: We currently do not have any updates on this.

Action Items:

- Laura K. will reach out to OHA to find out if they are able to respond to the swimming safety question related to the algae blooms.
- Provide standard Operating procedures and final Cathedral Park QAPP

The full presentation can be viewed on the [Portland Harbor Collaborative Group YouTube Page.](#)

Discussion: Educational Activity for the Cathedral Park Project Area

Laura Knudsen, EPA, provided updates on the educational activity at the Cathedral Park as follows:

- Due to the Delta variant, in-person community involvement events cannot move forward.
- Instead, EPA proposes having EPA Sampling Ambassadors (our EPA Remedial Project Managers who will be overseeing beach sampling on-site) available on September 15 and 16 (and if needed on September 17) to share information with community members that are present.
- The video of sediment coring will take place next week through September 20 and will include footage of testing the sediment at the lab.
- EPA will be taking videos and photos, if community members can do this too that will be much appreciated.

Action Items:

- Work on flier for community distribution.
- Schedule an October Working Group meeting.

Summary and Next Steps

The Facilitator summarized the meeting action items which are captured in the table above.

The meeting was adjourned.

Linnton Restoration Project

Following the meeting, Laura F. asked a question about the Linnton Restoration Project. She stated that a large mound was left on top of contaminants and requested additional information on what contaminants lie underneath.

Action Items:

- Laura K. will connect with Jim McKenna and Lauren Senkyr (NOAA Restoration Center) and follow up with Laura F. to answer any question regarding this project.
- Franziska will send construction completion documents and DEQ project manager information to Laura F.

Resources:

- Linnton Mill Restoration Fact Sheet:
https://www.fws.gov/portlandharbor/sites/default/files/resources/2019_FINAL_LinntonFactSheet.pdf
- This is DEQ's ECSI site for Linnton Plywood:
<https://www.deq.state.or.us/Webdocs/Forms/Output/FPController.ashx?SourceIdType=11&SourceId=2373>